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Letter dated 30 December 2009 from the Acting Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities containing an account of the Committee's activities from 1 January to 31 December 2009 (see annex). The report is being submitted in accordance with the note by the President of the Security Council dated 29 March 1995 (S/1995/234).

I would appreciate it if the present letter and its annex were brought to the attention of members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

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to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and
the Taliban and associated individuals and entities

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Annex

Report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities

I. Introduction

1. The purpose of the present report is to provide a factual summary of the Committee's activities during the period from 1 January to 31 December 2009 in accordance with the transparency measures outlined by the President of the Security Council in his note of 29 March 1995 (S/1995/234). The previous annual report of the Committee was submitted on 31 December 2008 (S/2008/848).

II. Background information

2. Following consultations among the members of the Security Council, the Council agreed to elect the Bureau of the Committee for 2009, which consisted of Ambassador Thomas Mayr-Harting (Austria) as Chairman, with the delegations of Burkina Faso and the Russian Federation providing the two Vice-Chairmen (see S/2009/2). The Committee was guided in the discharge of its mandate by Security Council resolution 1822 (2008), as well as other relevant resolutions. The Committee also benefited in its work from the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (see General Assembly resolution 60/288). The Committee was assisted by the New York-based Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team, established pursuant to resolution 1526 (2004), extended by resolution 1822 (2008) and further extended by resolution 1904 (2009), which worked under its direction.

III. Summary of the activities of the Committee

3. During 2009, the Committee continued its proactive approach to discharging its mandate and enhanced its role in countering Al-Qaida- and Taliban-related terrorism. Two formal and twenty-five informal meetings were convened during the reporting period. In February and July, the Committee approved its programmes of work, based on the requirements outlined in Security Council resolution 1822 (2008), and taking into account the list of pending issues before the Committee. The Committee also agreed to continuously update its programme of work to allow for flexibility and responsiveness in its work.

4. In 2009, one of the key priorities of the Committee was the review of the 488 names inscribed on the consolidated list as at 30 June 2008, pursuant to paragraph 25 of resolution 1822 (2008). The Committee also prioritized the task of making accessible on its website narrative summaries of reasons for including all entries on the consolidated list, as mandated by paragraph 13 of resolution 1822 (2008), as well as improving the quality of the information contained in the consolidated list.

Reviews pursuant to resolution 1822 (2008)

5. The Security Council, in its resolution 1822 (2008), directed the Committee to conduct several specific reviews of the consolidated list. In paragraph 22 of the resolution the Council called on the Committee to consider an annual review of individuals reported to be deceased; in paragraph 25, it called for the review of all names that appeared on the consolidated list as at 30 June 2008; and in paragraph 26 it called for an annual review of all names on the consolidated list that had not been reviewed in three or more years. After adopting guidelines in December 2008 for the conduct of these reviews (see sect. 9 of the guidelines), the Committee initiated the process for the review pursuant to paragraph 25 of all 488 names inscribed on the consolidated list as at 30 June 2008 and decided to implement the review of individuals reported to be deceased in the framework of the same review. The 488 names were subdivided into five groups ("batches") and letters were sent to the respective designating State(s) and State(s) of citizenship and/or residence/location for review. In these letters, States were requested to submit to the Committee, within a three-month period, any updated information on the reasons for listing, as well as any additional identifying or other information. Reviewing States were also requested to indicate whether they deemed that the listings remained appropriate. The review letters were sent to reviewing States in December 2008 and in February, May, August and November 2009.

6. Once the replies from the reviewing States are received, all information available is circulated to members of the Committee and the Monitoring Team for possible further input, within a one-month period. At the end of this process, the name is placed on the Committee agenda. In the course of the review, the Committee evaluates all available information and considers whether listing remains appropriate. It does so on the basis of the "associated with" criteria for listing set out in relevant resolutions. The Committee also considers updating the consolidated list and/or narrative summaries on the basis of the additional information provided. In cases where a member of the Committee determines that a listing is no longer appropriate, it may submit a de-listing request following the procedures set out in section 7 of the guidelines, and the Committee decides whether to remove a name under review from the consolidated list (see also para. 46 of the present report).

7. In May 2009, the first names were reviewed by the Committee, and since then, the Committee has put on the agenda and considered a total of 84 names on the consolidated list: in 56 cases the listing was confirmed to remain appropriate, while 9 names were removed from the consolidated list as a result of the review. The reviews of 19 names were pending at the date of this report: in some cases the Committee was of the view that further information was required prior to concluding its consideration.

8. The Committee keeps Member States and the public informed about the progress of the review by regularly including, in its notes verbales and press releases announcing updates to the consolidated list, the names for which the review has been concluded since the consolidated list was last updated. Entries on the consolidated list and narrative summaries of reasons for listing are also amended to reflect the date on which the review of a respective name was completed. In addition, the secretariat notifies the State(s) of citizenship and/or residence/location and designating State(s) of the completed review, in accordance with its guidelines.

Narrative summaries of reasons for listing pursuant to paragraph 13 of resolution 1822 (2008)

9. The Committee, having agreed on the modalities for making accessible on its website narrative summaries of reasons for listing of all entries contained in the consolidated list (as called for in para. 13 of resolution 1822 (2008)), has since made available 157 narrative summaries for 137 individuals and 20 entities, which have been posted on its website. Making these summaries accessible to the public further improves transparency and helps to address challenges to measures implemented by Member States in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of the resolution. The Committee work on the remaining narrative summaries will be continued as provided for under paragraph 14 of resolution 1904 (2009), adopted on 17 December 2009.

Improvements to the consolidated list and its dissemination

10. Keeping the consolidated list of individuals and entities subject to sanctions measures as updated and accurate as possible promotes effective and universal implementation of the sanctions measures by Member States. The Committee strives to ensure that the consolidated list is dynamic and responsive to the evolving threat posed by Al-Qaida and the Taliban.

11. In total, the consolidated list was updated 22 times in 2009. By the end of the year, 503 individuals and entities were inscribed on the list. The Committee decided to add seven individuals to the list over the course of the year. Changes were approved with regard to 289 existing entries on the list. Two entries in the section entitled "Entities and other groups and undertakings associated with Al-Qaida" of the list were merged on the basis that both entries were referring to the same entity. The Committee acceded to the de-listing of 10 entries. Out of these, nine names have been de-listed as a result of their review by the Committee pursuant to paragraph 25 of resolution 1822 (2008). One name was removed as a result of the focal point process pursuant to resolution 1730 (2006). Six de-listing requests pertaining to seven individuals and five entities that the Committee received in 2009 are still under consideration. The Committee could not accede to 13 de-listing requests received in 2009. An account of listings and de-listings approved by the Committee in 2009 is attached to the present report (see appendix).

12. The Committee continued to issue a press release, transmit a note verbale and send a notification to contact points in permanent missions in New York and national capitals by e-mail following each update of the list. In accordance with paragraph 19 of resolution 1526 (2004), the secretariat also continued to transmit a hard copy of the list on a quarterly basis for the convenience of Member States. During 2009, the list was transmitted four times: on 30 March, 15 July, 23 October, and 30 December (SCA/2/09(11), SCA/2/09(20), SCA/2/09(27) and SCA/2/09(31)).

13. Pursuant to paragraphs 15 and 23 of resolution 1822 (2008), the Committee secretariat notified, within one week after a name was added to or removed from the consolidated list, the permanent mission of the State or States where the concerned individual or entity was believed to be located and, in the case of individuals, the country of which the person was a national, of the listing or de-listing of the individual or entity. Pursuant to paragraphs 18 and 27 of resolution 1904 (2009), the notification period will be reduced to three working days. The notification reminds relevant States that they are required to take, in accordance with their domestic laws

and practices, all possible measures to notify or inform in a timely manner the concerned individuals and entities of the Committee decision to add them to or remove them from the consolidated list, as well as provide them with relevant information.

14. In paragraph 14 of resolution 1822 (2008), the Council directed the Committee to update the cover sheet for listing included in annex I of resolution 1735 (2006). Following broad consultations, the Monitoring Team presented a first proposal to the members of the Committee in December 2008, and further revised proposals were discussed in the course of the year. The Committee adopted a new "standard form for listing" for the listing of individuals and entities in December 2009, which will replace the "cover sheet" and will be made available on the Committee website. The new standard form for listing also reflects new elements contained in resolution 1904 (2009).

15. Taking into account the improvements offered in the new standard forms for listing, the Committee, with the assistance of the Monitoring Team, is also working towards introducing a new format of the consolidated list, which would improve the presentation and dissemination of the list, facilitate more accurate identification of listed individuals and entities, and provide hyperlinks to the narrative summaries of reasons for listing. The Committee has authorized the Monitoring Team to consult widely on improving the list, including with the private sector and with other national and regional bodies that compile sanctions lists.

Identification of possible cases of non-compliance

16. Pursuant to paragraph 21 of resolution 1735 (2006) and paragraph 32 of resolution 1822 (2008), the Committee remains vigilant for possible cases of non-compliance with the sanctions measures, and stands ready to respond appropriately to any information brought to its attention in that regard.

Committee website

17. The Committee, with the assistance of the Monitoring Team and the secretariat, has continued to work on further improving both the content and functionality of its website. In particular, the main navigation menu was simplified, a site map was introduced in order to offer a better overview of the content, and the search function was enhanced.

18. Additional documents have also been made accessible on the Committee website to assist Member States in implementing their obligations. On 11 September 2009, the Committee approved an "explanation of terms" paper on the assets freeze, which provides relevant definitions with regard to the assets freeze measures. Similar explanation of terms papers had previously been adopted for the travel ban and arms embargo measures. On the same date, the Committee also made available on its website an information package on the work and mandate of the Security Council Al-Qaida and Taliban sanctions Committee, which is intended to provide useful information to States and relevant international organizations implementing the measures.

Requests seeking Committee confirmation of the identity of certain individuals

19. The Committee continued to receive requests from relevant authorities seeking assistance from the Committee in confirming the identity of certain individuals or entities for the purpose of implementing the sanctions measures. The Committee systematically assisted these authorities by providing liaison, through its secretariat, with the designating State(s) in order to seek more identifying information than is available on the consolidated list.

Exemptions to the sanctions measures

20. During the reporting period the Committee, mindful that the Council provided for exemptions to the assets freeze, including for humanitarian purposes, continued to consider notifications and requests for exemptions submitted pursuant to paragraph 1 of resolution 1452 (2002). The Committee secretariat also maintained and regularly updated the list of States that had approached the Committee pursuant to the above-mentioned resolution. In 2009, the Committee received 16 notifications pursuant to paragraph 1 (a) of resolution 1452 (2002), and 1 request pursuant to paragraph 1 (b). No negative decision was taken by the Committee with regard to the 16 notifications pursuant to paragraph 1 (a), and the request pursuant to paragraph 1 (b) was approved. In three cases, authorities notifying the Committee for an exemption to the assets freeze were invited to provide further information in connection with the respective notification.

21. During the reporting period, the Committee also considered two requests for exemptions from the travel ban set out in paragraph 1 (b) of resolution 1822 (2008) and other relevant resolutions, pertaining to three listed individuals. The Committee acceded to the requests with regard to two individuals, and informed the States of departure, transit and destination of the respective travels. In accordance with the Committee guidelines, the approved exemptions were also posted on the Committee website, detailing the duration of the travel. The Committee was also notified of the travel of a listed individual to fulfil a judicial process, in accordance with paragraph 1 (b) of resolution 1822 (2008).

Committee position on the recommendations contained in the ninth and tenth reports of the Monitoring Team

22. On 28 February, the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team submitted its ninth report (S/2009/245) to the Committee. In May, June and July, the Committee, in the presence of the Monitoring Team, undertook a detailed consideration of the recommendations contained in the report. The Committee position on the recommendations contained therein was reflected in its report to the Security Council dated 17 August 2009 (S/2009/427). Great attention was paid to the recommendations on how the Committee might improve the fairness and transparency of its procedures.

23. On 31 July, the Monitoring Team submitted its tenth report (S/2009/502). The Committee considered the recommendations contained in the report in the presence of the Monitoring Team during October and November. The Committee position on the recommendations contained therein will be published in a report to the Security Council in due course.

Briefings by the Chairman of the Committee to the Security Council

24. The Chairman, together with the Chairmen of the Committees established pursuant to resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1540 (2004), which also deal with counter-terrorism issues, gave two joint briefings to the Security Council in 2009. The briefings were held on 26 May (see S/PV.6128) and 13 November (see S/PV.6217). In his statements, made pursuant to paragraph 38 of resolution 1822 (2008), the Chairman informed the Council about the current and future activities of the Committee and the Monitoring Team, as well as the current challenges the sanctions regime is facing. The briefings mainly focused on progress made by the Committee in implementing resolution 1822 (2008).

Dialogue with States and outreach

25. Pursuant to paragraph 38 of resolution 1822 (2008), the Chairman of the Committee and the Coordinator of the Monitoring Team gave a briefing that was open to all interested Member States on 1 July 2009. On that occasion, the Chairman described the Committee practice for, and progress in, reviewing the names on the consolidated list pursuant to paragraph 25 of resolution 1822 (2008), and in making accessible on its website narrative summaries of reasons for listing pursuant to paragraph 13 of the same resolution. The briefing included a question-and-answer session, which provided all Member States an opportunity to raise questions and to share comments with the Chairman, as well as with the Monitoring Team and its Coordinator. The next open briefing is scheduled for January 2010 for the purpose of informing the wider membership particularly about the new elements introduced by resolution 1904 (2009).

26. Pursuant to paragraph 14 (a) of the guidelines, the Chairman held two press conferences together with the Coordinator of the Monitoring Team on 14 July and 27 October 2009 on the Committee's work, in particular on the progress made in implementing resolution 1822 (2008).

27. On 9 February, the Committee met with a high-level delegation from Algeria to receive a comprehensive briefing on Algeria's efforts to counter terrorism related to Al-Qaida. The Committee welcomes this kind of dialogue with Member States and wishes to reiterate the open invitation to all Member States to meet with the Committee to discuss relevant issues and to voluntarily brief on implementation efforts.

28. On 28 October, the Committee met with Martin Scheinin, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism. Mr. Scheinin briefed the Committee on his proposals for improving the sanctions regime, which was followed by a constructive exchange of views on issues related to the fairness and clarity of the Committee's procedures, in particular regarding listing and de-listing.

Visits by the Chairman to selected countries

29. Pursuant to paragraph 37 of resolution 1822 (2008), the Chairman undertook two visits in 2009. On 9 June 2009, upon the invitation of the Russian Federation, he attended a meeting of special services, security agencies and law enforcement organizations held in Irkutsk, Russian Federation. On 8 and 9 October 2009, the Chairman travelled to Brussels, to discuss with officials of European Union

institutions the implementation of the sanctions measures by the European Union and its 27 member States. That visit provided an excellent opportunity to facilitate the exchange between the Committee and the European Union and provided a detailed insight of the challenges the European Union is currently facing following the rulings of the European Court of Justice. At the same time, the visit provided the opportunity to highlight the major improvements that have been made with regard to the procedures of the Committee, in particular in the framework of resolution 1822 (2008). Following the visit to Brussels, the Chairman participated in an international workshop of national counter-terrorism focal points held in Vienna, on 12 and 13 October 2009. Oral and written reports were provided to the Committee upon the Chairman's return. The outcome of the visits was also highlighted in the briefing of the Chairman to the Security Council on 13 November (see S/PV.6217).

Coordination with the Counter-Terrorism Committee and the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) and their respective expert groups

30. On numerous occasions, the members of the Committee have highlighted the complementary functions of the Al-Qaida and Taliban sanctions Committee, the Counter-Terrorism Committee and the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) in countering international terrorism and the need for a continuous cooperation and exchange of information between the three Committees. During the joint briefings to the Security Council on 26 May and 13 November, a common message on cooperation and coordination among the Committees and their expert groups was read out on behalf of the three Chairmen. On the occasion of the 26 May briefing, a comparative table providing information on the distinct and complementary mandates of the three Committees and their respective expert groups was issued and posted on the websites of the three Committees. An updated version of that table was provided at the 13 November briefing. In addition, the three Chairmen jointly participated in the international workshop of national counter-terrorism focal points held in Vienna, on 12 and 13 October 2009.

31. Cooperation between the three Committees is also greatly facilitated by coordinated activities carried out by the Monitoring Team, the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate and the experts who support the 1540 Committee to assist Member States in their efforts to comply with their obligations under relevant resolutions, including through the organization of regional and subregional workshops. These activities are described in detail in paragraphs 36 and 39 below. In addition, in resolution 1904 (2009) the Security Council requested the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for the groups to be co-located as soon as possible.

Cooperation with international and regional organizations and agencies

32. In the past year, the Committee also continued to develop its cooperation with international and regional organizations and agencies, often with the support of the Monitoring Team (see also para. 37). In order to provide such organizations with a better idea of the work and mandate of the Committee, an updated information package was approved by the Committee in July and subsequently transmitted by the Monitoring Team to eight organizations and agencies for dissemination to their respective membership.

33. INTERPOL has continued to publish, at the request of the Committee, INTERPOL-Security Council special notices for individuals and entities included in the Committee's consolidated list. As at 31 December, there were 331 special notices for listed individuals and 32 for listed entities on the INTERPOL website. These special notices are distributed to all 187 member countries of INTERPOL with the objective of alerting national law enforcement that an assets freeze, a travel ban and an arms embargo are in place with regard to the targeted individuals and entities (see also para. 41).

34. On 24 November the secretariat briefed the Committee regarding a new supplementary arrangement on cooperation between the United Nations and INTERPOL, signed on 11 October 2009, in relation to Security Council sanctions Committees. Undertaken in pursuance of Security Council resolution 1699 (2006), the new supplementary arrangement offers new tools for enhanced information exchange between the Committee, INTERPOL and the Monitoring Team by providing for, inter alia, direct access to INTERPOL databases to improve the quality of information on the Committee list, and use of the INTERPOL telecommunications network to increase efficiency in the ongoing cooperation on INTERPOL-Security Council special notices. Members expressed support for furthering the Committee's cooperation with INTERPOL under the framework set out in the new supplementary arrangement. The Committee subsequently requested the secretariat to develop, in consultation with INTERPOL, specific procedures for further cooperation, to be considered by the Committee in due course (see also para. 37).

IV. Monitoring Team

35. The Monitoring Team, whose mandate was recently renewed under resolution 1904 (2009) until 30 June 2011, submitted its annual programme of work in January and semi-annual travel plans in January and July, all of which were approved by the Committee. The Team continued to travel to all regions of the world, and had visited 19 Member States by the end of the year, five for the first time. Three of the trips were made jointly with the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, thereby bringing the total number of joint trips with the Directorate to 15 in the three years since the two expert groups started making joint trips. The Coordinator of the Team also accompanied the Chairman on two visits, one to a conference in Irkutsk, Russian Federation, in June 2009, and the other to participate in discussions with European Union institutions in Brussels, as well as to an international workshop of national counter-terrorism focal points in Vienna, in October 2009. The Team also conducted a sanctions workshop in one Member State, at its request, to help relevant officials at all levels improve their implementation of the measures.

36. In April the Team held its seventh meeting for heads and deputy heads of intelligence and security services from Algeria, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Yemen and Tunisia (the last State participating for the first time) and convened its third meeting on Somalia for security services of States such as Kenya, the United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen, Djibouti, Ethiopia and the Sudan. Such meetings continue to provide the Committee, through the Team's participation, with useful feedback and information as to what is happening on the ground and the changes in the threat from Al-Qaida and its associates, and the practical difficulties of implementation.

37. The Team maintained its close cooperation with international and regional organizations and participated in 39 international, regional and subregional meetings, including two in conjunction with its work under the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force. In this regard, the Team met with the Financial Action Task Force, the World Bank, INTERPOL, the European Union, the African Union Centre for the Study and Research of Terrorism and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. The Team's participation in such meetings allowed Team members to promote a better understanding of the sanctions regime and of the work of the Committee. In addition, the Team actively promoted the Committee's work on listing and de-listing, the review process and the new procedures mandated under resolution 1822 (2008).

38. Recognizing the particular need to coordinate its work with the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate and the 1540 Committee expert group, especially in areas where States may feel overburdened by requests for information from the Security Council, the Team has continued to develop and implement, with the Directorate and the 1540 Committee expert group, a common strategy to address problems faced by States that owe reports to the three Committees. The Team has also worked closely with the other two expert groups to develop a common approach to cooperation with relevant international, regional and subregional organizations and United Nations agencies and entities so as to assist States more efficiently and to minimize overlap and duplication. A third common strategy has been proposed by the Team to develop a common approach with the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate and the 1540 Committee expert groups to further assist States on issues related to implementation by addressing technical assistance needs. This common strategy proposal is only at the proposal stage and needs to be developed further (see also para. 31).

39. With the Terrorism Prevention Branch of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime as facilitator, the three expert groups have held two workshops this year; the first was a workshop for national officials involved in the implementation of relevant Security Council resolutions or responsible for writing reports to the three Committees for Middle East and North African States, and the second was a workshop for Caribbean and Latin American States. These workshops are part of the common strategy to assist States that owe reports to the three Committees and have also proved to be useful forums for the three expert groups to highlight the complementary but distinct roles of the three Committees, as well as to provide information to participating officials on the current status of the work of each Committee. Each of the workshops succeeded in achieving the submission of outstanding reports to each of the three Committees.

40. The Team also continues to play an active role in the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force established to coordinate United Nations system action in respect of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy adopted by the General Assembly on 8 September 2006 (resolution 60/288).

41. The Team has deepened its interaction with INTERPOL in order to better assist the Committee's cooperation with INTERPOL, including through the issuance of INTERPOL-Security Council special notices. It is noted that the Team was mandated under annex I to resolution 1822 (2008) to work with Member States to obtain photographs of listed individuals for possible inclusion in the special notices. These notices currently contain photographs of about 89 listed individuals (as at

December 2009) in the Al-Qaida section and 2 listed individuals in the Taliban section (see also paras. 33-34 above).

42. As mandated under resolution 1822 (2008), the Team submitted its ninth and tenth reports to the Committee on 28 February 2009 (S/2009/245) and 31 July 2009 (S/2009/502), respectively.

43. In addition to providing reports following its trips, the Team also provided feedback on a semi-annual basis to the Committee on the follow-up to each of those trips. For 2009, the Team provided feedback on 17 trips (fifth feedback report) in April and 20 trips (sixth feedback report) in November 2009. The feedback is a useful reminder to allow the Committee to monitor outstanding follow-up action from the Team's trips and any necessary action on the issues raised during such trips.

44. The Team also submitted five papers to the Committee in response to specific requests. These covered issues such as an update on the issue of deceased individuals on the consolidated list; an explanation of terms paper for the assets freeze (thus completing the explanation of terms papers for each of the three sanctions measures); and an updated information package that has been posted on the Committee website for the use of relevant international and regional organizations and for the general public. The Team also provided several statistical papers to elaborate on some of the recommendations in its tenth report, to enable the Committee to have a better understanding of the scope of these issues.

45. The Team has also assisted the Committee in the drafting of the narrative summaries required under paragraph 13 of resolution 1822 (2008). To date, the Team has submitted 203 narrative summaries to the Committee, 155 of which have been posted on the Committee website. In all, the Team has prepared 474 draft narrative summaries of reasons for listing, including 25 narrative summaries for those names listed after the adoption of resolution 1822 (2008) on 30 June 2008, leaving outstanding only 39 draft narrative summaries.

46. The Team has also assisted the Committee with its review of listed names as mandated under paragraph 25 of resolution 1822 (2008), including by providing information inputs on each name being reviewed. Following the conclusion of the review of a name, the Committee considers updating the consolidated list and/or narrative summaries on the basis of the additional information provided during the review, and the Team further assists by providing the revised drafts for such updates. Occasionally during the review process, the need for further clarification or information becomes apparent, and the Committee has also tasked the Monitoring Team to engage with relevant States in an effort to resolve any questions that have arisen.

47. The Team has also continued to work with Member States to improve the quality of the consolidated list and as a result was able to submit new information that led to 102 updates to existing entries.

V. Current issues and future work of the Committee

48. The Committee will continue to devote the greatest attention to the implementation of resolution 1822 (2008), in particular in order to meet the 30 June 2010 deadline for the completion of the review pursuant to paragraph 25 of that

resolution. In this regard, the Committee relies on the cooperation and assistance of concerned States and calls on them to respond to requests from the Committee for information relevant to this review no later than 1 March 2010, in accordance with paragraph 29 of resolution 1904 (2009). The Committee also calls on concerned Member States to submit replies with regard to the publication of narrative summaries of reasons for listing on the Committee website, pursuant to paragraph 14 of resolution 1904 (2009). The Committee will also work towards expeditiously updating its guidelines in the light of the adoption of resolution 1904 (2009).

VI. Observations and conclusions

49. The sanctions measures imposed by the Security Council are an active response by the international community to the continued threat posed by Al-Qaida and the Taliban and their associates. The Committee continues to stand ready, with the support of the Monitoring Team, to assist States in their implementation efforts.

50. The Committee recognizes that ensuring fair and clear procedures for placing individuals and entities on the consolidated list and for removing them, as well as for granting humanitarian exemptions, can help States avoid and overcome challenges to their implementation of the sanctions measures. This is why the Committee has strived to conduct the review of the consolidated list called for in paragraph 25 of resolution 1822 (2008) in a comprehensive and thorough manner. This exercise has served to refocus the commitment and energy of reviewing States that have very effectively responded to this enormous task. The review exercise has directly resulted both in de-listings and in improvements in the quality of entries for certain individuals and entities whose listing was deemed to remain appropriate.

51. The Committee also welcomes the adoption of resolution 1904 (2009) by the Security Council providing for the appointment of an impartial and independent Ombudsperson, in order to assist the Committee in the consideration of de-listing requests. The Committee intends to promptly revise its guidelines to take this important development into account, and to reflect in its procedures the other improvements to the regime introduced by resolution 1904 (2009), so that it might further assist States in the implementation of the Council's sanctions measures.

Appendix

Additions to and removals from the consolidated list of individuals and entities belonging to or associated with Al-Qaida and the Taliban in 2009

A. Individuals added

Date	*Name*	*Press release*
4 February	Ibrahim Abdul Salam Mohamed Boyasseer (QI.A.267.09.)	SC/9591 6 February
15 April	Abdul Haq (QI.H.268.09.)	SC/9636 16 April
27 May	Bekkay Harrach (QI.H.269.09.)	SC/9667 28 May
18 June	Atilla Selek (QI.S.270.09.)	SC/9687 19 June
29 June	Arif Qasmani (QI.Q.271.09.)	SC/9695 29 June
	Mohammed Yahya Mujahid (QI.M.272.09.)	
	Fazeel-a-Tul Shaykh abu Mohammed Ameen al-Peshawari (QI.A.273.09.)	

B. Individuals removed

Date	*Name*	*Press release*
20 July	Nabil Abdul Salam Sayadi	SC/9711 21 July
	Patricia Rosa Vinck	
10 August	Mustapha Nasri ben Abdul Kader Ait el Hadi	SC/9729 11 August
10 August	Ali Ghaleb Himmat	SC/9730 11 August
23 September	Youssef Mustapha Nada Ebada	SC/9744 23 September
3 December	Zia Mohammad	SC/9806 7 December

C. Entities removed

Date	*Name*	*Press release*
22 October	Bank Al Taqwa Limited	SC/9773 22 October
	Nada Management Organization SA	
	Barakaat International	
	Barakaat International Foundation	